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'TATERS AND SUCHLIKE TO BE GROWN BY A.E.F.

New Service Established by General Order Requires Gardens for Every Division—Calls for Details Will Soon Go Out

yet another—the Garden Service.

'Sfact! The general order says that a garden service as a branch (get that pun, branch—branch?) of the Quartermaster Corps is hereby established. Therefore, it is. The liftle acorn has been planted, and tall oaks may be expected to grow from it, with the addition of little drops of water and little grains of sand as the soil and the climate and the temperature may require.

Officer for Gardener-in-Chief

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This Garden Service is going at it in real earnest. Every division will be required to entity at a certain portion of the area in which it lives and moves and has its bein, with the aim of providing itself—if it stays there that long—with beets, beans (yes; benns), oats, barley, mint (reserved for Southern colonels), verbena, hops, rye, buckwheat, bananas, egg-plant, and such spinach as is not grown facially. Particular emphasis will be laid on potatoes, and, to make those members of the A.O.H. Who may be messing with the division feel perfectly at home, corned beef and cabbage roces will be liberally planted throughout the land.

In each division an officer (preferably one without previous farming or gardening experience) will be appointed by the division commander to take charge of the gardening work. Whenever the division takes over any sector hold by one of our Allies, it is up to this officer to arrange with the corresponding officer of the troops relieved, with the aid of an interpreter, for the taking over of the vegetable gardens previously worked. When it comes around harvest time, if his division has the luck to be in the same area in that happy season, he will superhitend the gathering in of the fruit and graths. In other words, he is to be a sort of international harveste. each division an officer (preferably

But—and this is where you come in—here have got to be details furnished, o do the actual planting and hoeing, and spearing potato bugs (easy practice or duly qualified expert coofie suipers), and bombing woodchucks, and all the est. As is the case with the wood-hoppers, men having previous experince in gardening will be among the rist to be plucked for this fuscinating abor, on the principle that they ought o know a little something about it.

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But whether or not there are any gardeners in the division who have progressed beyond the window-box and rubber-plant stage, details will be furnished, all the same. They won't be big ones, though, "not to exceed ten for every 1,000 men" says the order.

The man with the hoc is going to become a reality in the A.E.F., which is a body of soldiers in which the man with the pickaxe and the spade has long been a painful actuality. For be it known that, in addition to the Air Service, the Railway Transport Service, the Service of the Rear, and all other services we know, including the Postal Service (which we hardly know at all), we are in the process of haying added unto us yet another—the Garden Service.

Sfact! The general order says that a littler, the specches of the Kaiser and of swish. In addition to the farm tractors which, it is confidently expected, will be here in time, the humbler but none the less useful long-cared and grey-hided tractor, who can't be started by cranking but by building a fire under him, will also be pressed into service. For fertilizer, the speeches of the Kaiser and of Admiral von Tirpitz will be exclusively complexed.

employed.

The spud-spading industry will flourish in far greater proportions back of the lines than up front, for obvious reasons. The Service of the Rear and the divisional training area will have a large share of the glory of raising potatoes for the Army. The men in the flat-fool schools will be allowed to rest their weary arches in the soft carth, what time they are exercising their perfectly good backs in seeking closer communion with nature by the murphy-tending route. Negro stevedore regiments will, however, be kept as far removed as possible from the watermelon patches.

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sible from the watermelon patches.

In addition to this field work in agriculture, experimental gardens are to be established just outside Paris, under the direction of a branch office of the Garden Service. Here Burbankian stunts of horticulture, beaniculture, spuddiculture, and spinachitis will be attempted, under the supervision of experts. This department hopes in time to be able, for example, to graft poison ivy on to the palace at Potsdam, and to cross the Hollenzollerns with the prickly factus or the bayonet plant.

Chance for Glass-House Men

At this establishment just outside the paris, there will be work—yes, work—for-100 selected men, in the experimental gardens. These gardens will be quite the ear those which a former queen of France, fascinating but ill-fated, used to till just for the fun of it. Whether, in emalation of her, the lucky 100 will be instructed to wear their bair done up ton top of their heads and to don becoming little caps and aprons before failing in for drill with their shovels and buggines squirters, remains to be seen. For this work, it is understood, men with experience in the use of fire-hose will be largely selected—also those who before this have lived in glass houses.

Take it all in all, this gardening proposition, if carried out on an extensive scale, is going to be a great thing for this man's army. It is going to give those not fitted for combatant service a lot to do. It is going to provide a n "ming for that mystic command, "Forward—HOE." It is going to mean that the campaign bat, for gardening purposes may still exist amongst us; and it is going to increase the fashionableness of overalls.

The Garden' Service branch of the Quartermaster Corps expects to be swamped at once by applicants for jobs as scarecrows. At this establishment just outside

AMERICAN HEAVIES **BLAST OUT BOCHES**

Big Guns Are Among Those Foreign News Dominates Present as French Pave Way For Advance

FIRST SHOTS SET RECORD

Largest Weapon Ever Used by the U.S. Against Any Land Enemy Fittingly Christened

"The American heavy artillery assist-ed," said a sentence in a French com-just that mere, simple statement, but the five words marked an epochal event —the first participation of American big gaus in this war. The details were not

is now permissible to tell. for the

counter attack until the new positions were consolidated.

The first shots from the American "heavies" were fired on February 13, from a French made 202 continueter gan, the largest weapon ever used by the linited States against an enemy on land. It was a sort of an invitational proposition. The French notified the Americans that they were preparing a surprise party for Fritz and asked the artillery division if it wanted to get in on it. the largest weapon ever used by the binted States against an enemy on land. It was a sort of an invitational proposition. The French notified the Americans that they were preparing a surprise party for Fritz and asked the artillery the distinct of the artillery service did.

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Firing a sulvo from a battery of really
big guns doesn't consist merely of pulling the living string and sending the
rojectiles across No Man's Land. It
requires a deal of preparation and stage
setting and nice engineering work and
observation. For, before a "heavy"
begins to pound away it must be known
exactly what mark it is shooting at and
exactly where that mark is. In this instance, the marks were a few German

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EYES OF AMERICA TURN TOWARD EAST

Quiet and Uneventful Week Back Home

By J. W. MULLER
Staff Correspondent of THE STARS
AND STRIPES. FBY CABLETO THE STARS AND STRIPES.1

NEW YORK, March 7.—It has been a very quiet and uneventful week here, with foreign news practically the only exciting topic. The public has been watching the Eastern news with concentrated attention, but with very little

discussion.

In the face of great events culminating and approaching in the Russian and Siberian situation, the calmness of the public attitude is due, in my opinion, to the national morale, strengthened, as I stated in my last despatch, by the average American's knowledge that the nation may depend on open diplomacy, I believe that the general consciousness that whatever happens the public will be fully informed, makes for steadiness of public opinion in this case once more.

Except for fewering developments, there

JERSEY VOTES FOR BOXING

BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES, NEW YORK, March 7.—The New Jersey legislature has passed a boxing bill. It is now up to Governor Edge. The bill requires the use of eight ounce

exactly where that mark is. In this instance, the marks were a few German strong points—a fort, a machine gun nest, a communicating center—one of which had been spotted by French aviators and were located with exactitude on a map which was turned over to the Americans.

A week before the attack, a group of artillery officers selected the location for the battery. They took tripods and transits and levels and finally staked out lines for the running of "cpis" is a brand new word in the American soldier's vocabulary. It is the mame for a sildetruck which leaves the math track on a curve and bears off Continued on Page 2. boy wonder, Louis Greuter, in £ 1,200 point match, the final score being 1,200 to 1,080.

ON THE NATION'S ROLL OF HONOR

Six more names are added to America's roll of honor as a result of the repulse of the German raid on our positions north of Toul on Friday of last week. They have also been added to France's roll of honor, for each one has been decorated, at the hands of Premier Clemenceau, with the Croix de Guerre.

These are the men: these are their records:

LIEUTENANT JOSEPH C. CANBY-Chicago, Ill. Single-handed he captured a German who was tangled in the barbed wire, and shot another who was resisting.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM COLEMAN—Charleston, S.C. He raced through the

German bombardment and the barrage and ordered the batteries into action.

SERGEANT WILLIAM NORTON—Jonesville, Ark.; 45 years old. He took command of his company after the captain had been killed, organizing the defense and counter attacks that finally drove off the Germans.

SERGEANT PATRICK WALSH—Detroit, Mich.; 47 years old. The German captain commanding the raiders ordered him to come out of his dugout. He shot the captain dead with his automatic, called out to a companion in time for him to make away with a second German entering the dugout, and by so doing saved his company's log-book from the enemy's hands.

PRIVATE PITTMAN—An infantry despatch bearer, he carried a message to an ad-

joining company in the midst of the bombardment.

PRIVATE DAVID ALVIN SMILEY—St. Louis, Mo. He carried dispatches twice through the barrage, and went back to notify the artillery during the gas barrage.

On Sunday the troops that took part in the encounter were drawn up to receive M.

Clemenceau and the two French generals who accompanied him. They still wore their muddy clothing, their steel helmets and gas masks, just as in the raid.

Without ceremony, the honor men were called forward one by one to have the war

crosses pinned on them. For each man M. Clemenceau had a word of commendation. "That's the way to do it!" he told one of them, at the same time slapping him on the

Private Smiley, who had been detained, came up late for the presentation. His captain directed him to go to the Premier's automobile. M. Clemenceau stepped out and presented him with the medal.

"Never mind being late," one of the generals told him, with a smile. "You were on time the other morning; that's enough."

YES. THE KAISER'S SURE WE'RE ON THE WESTERN FRONT NOW

Yankees Win High Praise for Con-duct and More Medais May be Handed Out

By FRANK P. SIBLEY

Correspondent of the "Boston Globe" With the ALEF; the Only Correspondent Living With the American Troops on the Chemin des Dames "Quiet sector, you said? Show me."

It was a buck private, and he said he didn't know yet whether his leg was broken or not. As a matter of fact, he had had one of the miraculous escapes which are the hourly incident of big fighting. A shell had smashed his rifle stock to flinders and knocked him out, but hadn't even broken his skin.

He had been through the heaviest attack the Germans had yet made on our sector in the Chemin des Dames. If came off on a very dark night last week, and it was stood off with a completeness and a confidence that has come to be typical of the Yankee fighting force.

"Off course," he said philosophically, "when they come over, we get en. It was stimply hard heek this time that we didn't happen to know they were coming. But there were more than a hundred of them, and there were only live or six of us in the shell hole, and they didn't get us. And, what's more, they stopped coming.

"That's all right. I got hit. That's all right. I'll get well, and I'll get enough of them to pay for the whole blamed gun crew that touched of the this 'quiet sector' stuff. Quiet sector—hell."

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"That's all right. I'll get well, and I'll get all right. I'll get well, and I'll get enough of them to pay for the whole blamed gun crew that touched off the thing that hit me. That's all right, "Only I don't get it, where they get his 'quiet sector's stuff. Quiet sectorhell".

The net of it is that the Americans came out of the biggest attack yet with infinite credit. In fact, men in charge think so highly of the performance that some new decorations are to be added to those already gained by the Yankees in this part of the line.

Fritz Gets Irritated

There had been four days of comparative quiet in the sector. An American party, raiding in conjunction with a much larger French party, had brought in a big grist of German prisoners—several of them with black eyes testifying to the South Boston fighting man's favorite weapon. A second raid, in which the French alone got 15 prisoners, rended to irritate Fritz, and a counter of some sort was confidently expended.

One man had a strange experience.

Shower on His Roof

One man had a strange experience.

He got lost from his own squad, and wandered along the line, ventually getting up against a low stone wall where the lay, itsening to the shells exploding all 'round him. He said that shell fragenents and shrap drammed on his tin hat like rain on a roof.

When the barraige let up, he crawled along, somehow passing the observation posts entirely, and turning up at 2 a.m. at a French post, well towards the rear. Nobody knows how he managed to pass the first line at all.

The French reports are full of praise for the behavior of the American troops. Their steadiness and accuracy of fire sepacially from the machine guas also latek that a working party was out at just that moment.

The lieutenant and a sergeant and counter of some sort was confidently experience.

troops was repulsed with losses to the Germans. The general in command of the French Army in this sector has sent to the American field command his congratula-

tions on the behavior of our troops.

Would - be Visitors to Chemin des Dames Get Only Part Way

HOT NIGHT IN SHELL HOLE

So over which the working party was scattered out, just laying down their vire and stakes. He gathered them into the party of five or six, and stuck each group in a shell hole. Then he went hack to the village whence he had attred and reported to the French officer in command. He was ordered to give up work for the night, and to bring his

Blasting Way Through Germans

and the place was exploding every five yards.

The lieutenant went from party to party, as long as he could find them, ordering them to fall back towards their own lines. One party was practically surrounded by Boches, and with this party the lieutenant began to fight. They shot their way through the Germans, who by this time had made a hot contact on our right with the American line, and got in.

On the way, the lieutenant saw a wounded man. He called for stretcher bearers, but there were no stretchers to be found. He took two men with him and went hunting a duck board in the dark. He eventually found a stretcher, and brought his man in.

One party, coming in, heard that the lieutenant had gone out again after the wounded man, and a sergeant and corporal went out after him. They met him coming in.

counter of some sort was conducting to compare the content of some sort was conducting to the fourth night it came, beginning with the most intense barrage yet seen by our troops. The guns started in promptly at nike o'deed in the evening companies of Germans in two columns—about 500 men altogether—debouched across two temporary bridges over the canal, and spread out on the Nam's Tanit night, as the dusk fell. 2d and the canal, and spread out on the Nam's Tanit night, as the dusk fell. 2d and the canal non-com, and it was a might by a French non-com. And it was a might by a French non-com. And it was a might by a French non-com, and it was a might by a French non-com. And it was a might by a French non-com. And it was a might by a French non-com. And it was a might by the feel man and along the 130 yards or well-and on the trenches held by our troops in training with French to great and two prices of the control of the trenches held by our troops in training with French to great and two prices of the control of the trenches held by our troops in training with French to great and two prices of the control of the trenches held by our troops and a feel of the control of the c

Volunteers for Attack Agains Doughboys Admit They Wish

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They came at us, and we got 'ent's Such, in the words of a doubtloy weng was among those present, is a story of last Friday morning's big faill which the Roches attempted on our from north west of Toul, and the receptor of the interthing west of Toul, and the receptor of the interthing west of Toul, and the receptor of the interthing west of Toul, and the receptor of the interthing west of Toul, and the receptor of the interthing west of Toul, and the receptor of the interthing west of Toul, and the receptor of the raid ersolv to ask those, souvenirs. They will say that they got considerably more than they expected, they wouldn't have volunteered for the raid if they had known what the resistance would be.

It wasn't a big scale offensive we shoved back, it wasn't an affair of army corns, or of divisions or brigades. But the fact is that the first Boche attempt at a large scale raid on the Americania Lorrathe met with prompt and compageous resistance. Our total losses were small compared to the German's known casualties—19 dead and three prisoners—and it is known that they lost more than twice as many again. For, in order casualties—19 dead and three prisoners—and it is known that they lost more than twice as many again. For, in order to regain their treuches, the Huns had to travel through our barrage, carrying off some of their wounded.

Last Friday morning's work, among other things. Furnished some fine examples of how Americans may be expected to meet the tests of war.

A Typical American

young captain from Idaho, gradu-from West Point only last June, in a dugout when the German bar-began. Without a moment's hesita-he stepped out, in that rain of

One Boche Greatly Relieved
There is no longer any doubt that the liber barrage within 40 seconds of the

by the dirt thrown up by an exploding shell. Their calls for help brought a number of their comrades, who left their shelters to come to their aid. While they were digging the men out amid a shower of stones, mud, earth, tree splinters, and sand kicked up by the German barrage, a section of the enemy's force came on them. They disposed of the Germans with their automatics.

A lieutenant, a sergeant, and two privates were in a dugout. Suddenly, a squad of Germans invaded it, crying "Come out, Americans!" The four Americans got the drop with their automatics. As they rushed out of the dugout to the Continued on Page 2.

Both Take Long Chances

The second round began with a quick clinch and break, with each sending lefts to the other's face. They held and tried to hit. Fulton steadled suddenly and peopled three lefts to Moran to clinch again. Fulton tore loose and hooked a hard right.

The men mixed ferociously, taking ong chances, until Moran clinched gain, getting Fulton's right deep into like body and making him grunt.

Moran now realized that he must strenuous labor and getting a creach hammer Fulton diem, and bore in, eviloid and head and arm lock.

ARMY HAS STOOD TEST. **SAYS G.H.Q. STATEMENT**

Official Account Commends Gallantry and Spirit of Troops in Repelling Three German Raids on American Sectors

SUCCESSES PROVE FITNESS FOR BIGGER JOB

Boche in One Attempt Attacked in Six Groups-French General Order Praises "Superb Courage and Coolness" of Our Men

The following is an official state-| which in two cases has brought ment from G.H.Q., A.E.F., on the commendation from French army past week's activities of the American commanders and a general can Army:

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past week's activities of the American Army:

The baptism of fire has come to several detachments of the American Expeditionary Forces during the last week. On Friday, March 1, the Boche artillery opened a destructive fire on the trenches and dugouts of an American regiment on the sector north of Toul.

Demolition work was followed by a rolling barrage, under cover of which the Boches attempted a raid, attacking in six groups. The American troops received the attack with rifle and artillery fire and drove back the enemy, forcing him to leave on the field 15 dead, including two officers, and four prisoners. At about the same time the Boche tried out another American post not far from Soissons with much the same preparation, and from there again was forced to withdraw with losses to himself and without capturing any of the American combat troops, in search of whom he had started the raid.

There was a short intermission free from raiding, and then on ahead. The job will come, and rough will combat work simply serves as training for the bigger job still raided or derend a from American from which the following general from which the following general from which the following staken:

"The troops of the — Army Corps, proud to be fighting by the side of the generous sons of the great Republic who have hastened to support France, and with her to save the freedom of the world, will understand by this example of superb courage and coolness the meaning of the promises made by the entry into the conflict of their brothers in arms. The general commanding the — Army Corps heartily congratulates the — American Battalion, as well as the American artillery, whose precise and opportune action contributed to the success."

From the day that America entered the war, no American felt doubt as to how our troops would conduct themselves once they got into action. Their training has company of the promise made and the promise from which the following general course from which the following general course from which the following gen

troops, in search of whom he had started the raid.

There was a short intermission free from raiding, and then on Monday morning of this week the Boehe tried still another sector in Lorraine, from which again he was forced to withdraw after sustaining losses and again without prisoners.

None of these engagements has been of the major variety, but each shas served as a good test of American troops is simply serves as the hope of the American troops is more than tit may come soon. The baptism of fire which has already been doubt that the test through which these first troops came with such these first troops came with the same success will be encountered and passed with the same success been stood with a gallantry and elfi

FIRST FULL ACCOUNT OF MORAN-FULTON GO

Detailed Cabled Story Shows Plasterer Won Fast New Orleans Fight by Terrific Hitting and

Masterly Ring Tactics

[Editorial Note—The following account of the Moran-Fulton fight at New Ocleans is the first detailed story of the big boxing event of the winter in America to reach this side.]

[BYCAMLETOTHE STARSAND STRIPES.]

NEW YORK, March 7.—Free Fulton's spectacular and swift victory over Frank Moran makes him loom big as a contestant for the heavyweight title now held by Jess Willard, Last week's fast fight showed Fulton not only a terrific hitter and a master of ring tactics, but proved also that he can take hard punishment, which was a question before the bout.

The big plasterer made swift slagging work to the end, and went through Moran like a machine. But he does not owe his victory to poor work on the Pithsurgher's part, for the latter fought well and hil hard. It was a clear victory for squerior lighting ability and strength.

A lange crowd saw the fight in the open-air arean of the Louislana anditorium, the largest that ever witnessed a fight there, not excepting the Sullivan-Coehet bout. It is estimated that the spectators numbered \$,000.

Smashing Bout from Outset

Mental Saw that made the crowd gasp. Fulton took it without wincing, though, and the round edited with Fulton sending for in a procession of stiff left jabs, making Moran like ground and sending from the ent over his eye.

Sccoyds Toss Up Sponge
Moran elinched at the tap of the bell in the third round. Fulton tore himself loss with swage right and left upperents. As Moran was punched losses, the first drouping his opponent to all fours, where he sprawded until his seconds tessed up the sponge.

The bleeding cut over his eye handing the sullivan-Coehet bout. It is estimated that the following heavyweights take the count: Tom Cowler, Charles Wilson, Stoker Smith, Fred Storbeck, Dave Mills, Sailor Schaefer, Al McCluskey.

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Smashing Bout from Outset

Moran climbed into the ring a 9,330 o'clock and Fullon followed a minute later. Sammy Goldman refereed.

Both men let fly as soon as they got into the center of the ring and instantly mixed furiously. Moran getting the jump by landing a stiff blow with his famous right, getting straight to Fulton's face, followed by a hard left to Fulton's face, followed by a hard left to the jaw, and let go mother hard right an instant later. Fulton appeared a bit ruttled, but two rounds, Ren Temple in two rounds, Ren Temple in two rounds, Ren Temple in two rounds.